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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1891.

CHARBONNAGES.

It is now over two-and-a-half-years since
the Editor of this journal formed one of
a party of Hongkong residents who paid a
visit of inspection to the coal-mines of the
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin
on the island of Hongay, about forty miles
from Haiphong. At that time work was
in the preparatory stage, and with the
exception of the necessary prospecting and
the erection of a useful wharf and quarters
for the staff, nothing in the shape of actual
mining had been started. A few short
galleries had been driven into the hillside,
and these openings had been designated
"mines" in honour of the leading members
of our expedition; but in reality no
mining had been even attempted. A few
hundred tons of surface coal, dug out from
the top of the ground, by the Tonquinese
coolies, were piled up alongside the wharf,

and so far as appearance went, it looked
quite up to the best Cardiff. But it wanted
"go"; exposed for thousands of years to a
burning sun and to tropical downpours
of rain—and the sun can blaze and the
rain come down in fair Tonquin—it had
lost whatever volatile matter it ever
possessed, and although apparently as
hard and solid-looking as a granite block,
it went to dust by a mere compression of
the fingers. This stuff was tried, and on
the steam launch *Fanny*, with its specially
arranged fire-bars, it answered wonderfully
well; but on the steamship *Caribbrooke* it
proved an utter fiasco, quite failing to keep
anything like sufficient steam in the vessel's
boilers. These results were only what
were reasonably to be expected by practical
men, and the present writer was in various
quarters laughed at and ridiculed both for
predicting what did happen then and what
would be the case when the real products of
the Hongay mines were fairly tried. Our
opinions freely expressed then are in
print, and who dare laugh now? We
never doubted the value of this immense
coal-field when the miners got below the
surface, away from the influences of sun and
rain, and from the latest trial it would
seem that our opinions have been
thoroughly verified, and that a very great
future for Tonquin coal in this colony has
now become a matter of certainty.

We have been favored from a thoroughly
reliable source with the following report
of the latest practical test of the Hongay
coal for steaming purposes:—

"On Christmas Day a trial of this coal was
made with most satisfactory results in the
presence of a large party of shareholders and others
who had been invited to witness the test by the
Hon. C. P. Chater and Mr. H. N. Mody. The
party included Messrs. F. de Bovis, chief manager,
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, E. W.
Rutter, manager, New Oriental Bank, J. J. Bell-
Irvine, D. Gillies (Secretary, Dock Company), H.
Hopkins, J. S. Moses, A. G. Morris, R. M.
Moore, G. de Champeaux (Agent, Messageries
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Carnot (Deputy Inspector, Captain H. Hogg
(Steamship *Taitung*), Richardson (chief engineer
steamship *Albatross*), Wilson (chief engineer
steamship *Taitung*), R. B. Joyce (Secretary
Charbonnages Co.), and others. The steamer
chosen for the trial was the *Avonchis*, owned by
Mr. A. G. Morris, a vessel which for some time
past has been used as a coaster in the China
Sea. To adapt her for burning the Hongay
coal, a slight alteration had been made in her
funnel, by putting back the bridge 1' 9", giving
the bars a total length of 5' 9".

"The *Avonchis* left Hongkong harbour at
noon, and steaming before a light wind, rapidly
attained a pressure of 90 lbs. while making 77
revolutions per minute. So strong did the
pressure become that it was found necessary to
put on the dampers, yet in spite of this she was
obliged to blow off frequently.

"On turning round, with a head wind, the
dampers were kept down all the time, and the
constant blowing off clearly showed that more
steam was being produced than was necessary
to drive the engines.

"During the trip, which lasted six hours,
frequent visits were paid by the members of the
party to the engine-room and the stoke-hole.
It was remarked that the coal kindles very
quickly, and burns freely, raising steam with
great rapidity; it makes a very clean, bright
fire, without any smoke, and open well on the
bars without caking. It is handled in a manner
practically similar to Cardiff, and as it practically
does its own stoking, saves much trouble in
firing."

On the above, report it is at present
unnecessary to critically comment; nor is
it our province to deal at length with what
has been generally regarded as an
unconscionable delay in placing the
Hongay coals on the market. Mr. BAVIN-
CHAPPEL, the manager at Hongay, has
had no easy task before him, and we
cannot but think that he has exercised a
wise discretion in refusing to commence
shipping coals from the mines until he
was in a position to make the supply
permanent, and until fully assured that he
was producing a satisfactory and saleable
article. The cargo of two thousand tons
brought up the other day by the *Avonchis*
has been, we understand, almost entirely
got rid of the lump at \$8 and \$7.50, and
the dust at \$5—prices which must leave a
heavy margin of profit; and arrangements
have been made for shipments at regular
intervals, which will be largely increased
as the work progresses. It appears to us
that the Hongay coal has proved an
unqualified success, and is bound to prove
at an early date a most important factor in
the commercial prosperity of this colony.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA'S POLICY AS REGARDS COREA.

LONDON, December 31st.
It is semi-officially stated that Russia has
no idea of the conquest of Corea, but will not
tolerate similar designs by other Powers.

CONNAUGHT SHOTS STRAIGHT.

December 30th.

Prince Christian, when shooting at Osborne,
was shot by the Duke of Connaught in the left
eye, which has since been removed.
[There's no nonsense about Connaught. We
know him well, Horatio, and in our opinion he
is just the sort of shootist we want for a model.
Major-General. But Christian, who had 235
a year before he married Princess Alice,
appears to have had a lucky escape. He will
now be compelled to "wink the other
eye."—ED.]

OBITUARY.

Sir Wm. A. White, Ambassador at Constantinople.
[Sir John Walham is still alive and kicking at
Peking. He would make a fine ornament at
the Sublime Porte. No charge for this sugges-
tion.—ED.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-MORROW, being New Year's Day, there will
be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph.
"A GUD NEW YEAR TO ANE AND A'."

THANKS, Dakin Brothers, the same to yourselves
and many of 'em.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carilli & Co.)
inform us that the R.M.S. *Empress of India*
arrived at Vancouver on the 30th inst.

THE British India steamship *Yumna* arrived at
Thursday Island on November 17 with the first
batch of Italian immigrants, who have been
experimentally imported into Queensland for the
sugar industry.

Mr. James Anderson, the new manager of the
Amoy Dock Company, leaves for his post by the
Italian to-morrow morning. We heartily
wish him *bon voyage* and every possible success
in his latest sphere of action.

SAMBO—"What did the doctor say all yered
mostly, Bill?" "He lowed dat I had a con-
sagration ob diseases. Fast, de salvation plan's
don't inslat my indigestion; dat makes a torpedo
liver, sose I'm liable to go off any minute."

HALF-PRIEST at 10 o'clock in the Hongkong
A. D. C. latest attraction to bring an audience
to see the gorgeous pantomime. Times have
certainly changed in Hongkong in the amateur
theatrical line, and we don't think for the better.

It is proposed to give a Masonic Ball during
the course of next month, and arrangements
in that direction are already under way. We
believe the Victoria Lodge has taken the initiative
in this movement, which it is confidently
expected will be brought to a successful issue.

Manager—Captain, your wine bill is very
heavy.

Coast Captain—Yes, Sir. Had a theatrical
company and two missionary inspectors down.

Manager—Beg pardon, Captain. You can
send a bill in for extras!

* A public meeting of Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's
friends, sympathisers and supporters will be
held on the Public Recreation Ground, better
known as the Cricket Ground, on Sunday after-
noon, the 3rd proximo, at 3.30 p.m. An express
issued this afternoon contains an invitation to
"all residents of whatever nationality, who are
interested in the *Telegraph* label case" to be
present.

THE delivery of the French mail—signalled
long before this time—took place at 7 o'clock,
of course much too late for any news from home
to be utilised in this issue. Why it should
take from five to six hours to sort a mail in
Hongkong is one of those problems that want
investigating by independent and practical men.
Like most other departments in the Hongkong
Government Service, the Post Office requires a
thorough overhauling and a very free application
of the pruning knife.

FOUR cases of opium dross from Hongkong,
shipped per steamer *Chiyoda* to the Optum
Farmers in Penang, have been seized by the
Singapore Farmers. The bill of lading, as well
as the manifest, we understand, show that the
cases were for Penang, so that the action of the
latter under the circumstances would appear to
be unjustifiable. It is said that the fact of the
cases being on board was communicated to the
Farmers by the Captain of the vessel, for fear
of getting into trouble himself.

On one occasion, when the late Rev. Charles
Page Eden was Dean of Oriel College, heavy
complaints against the College clock were brought
to him by the undergraduates. The Dean sent
for the offender, recaptured him, and was actually
defeated. The reason why no "Sporting Gospel"
has appeared in the *Telegraph* is that, up to
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opposition in the big races—all indicate that the
Hongkong Race Meeting of 1892 looks very
much like proving a comparative fiasco.

At a curling match one of the players was a
cheeky, young, city-bred man. The match was
begun in due time, and largely owing to the
inactivity of the bowler, was lost by his side.
He had made such a poor show that he was
rather quietened for a little, but after the first
and greens had been consumed, and the bottle
had begun to circulate, he began again. The
old fellow who had slipped the rink had stood
it till he could stand it no longer. "Haud yer
tongue, man!" he exclaimed, "ye'll never be a
gold curler in this woe! I'm thinkin' ye'll
na see ice in the next!"

We learn from Chinese sources that a petition
to His Excellency the Governor, praying him
to take steps to stop the wholesale carrying
in the public streets and on the steam-
ships of Chinese residents and passengers by the
river steamer, by the Optum Farmers' officers,
is now being circulated and will shortly
be presented to Sir William Robinson. Our
Chinese fellow-citizens may be following a
discreet policy in bringing this matter publicly
before the Head of the Government, but really
there is no absolute occasion for any such
petition, as the law is perfectly clear that no
person can be legally searched either on the
wharves or in the street. Of course it is the
duty of the Government to do everything possible
to protect the Optum Farmers' revenue, and
searching sheds ought to have been established
long ago; however, it cannot be too clearly
understood that searching people suspected of
being in possession of smuggled opium in the
streets is a contravention of the law which
renders the searchers liable to heavy punish-
ment, and as an infringement on the liberty of
the subject it cannot be longer tolerated in this
colony.

We are heartily sorry for Major General Digby
Barker's loss in his *Optum Ordinances* policy.
The house of cards so carefully constructed by
the Official Phalarx, and forced through the
Council in spite of the opposition of the
Unofficial Members, who knew what they were
talking about, has ignominiously collapsed. The
time has not been extended until January 19th.
The extra half of dollars, so confidently figured
out by the despotic Colonel "Nassau," is
away in the far beyond, and Mitchell-Innes is
hiding himself for his ridiculous attempt
to pose as a practical statesman. The rent for
the new Optum Farm, instead of showing the
big surplus the Colonial Treasurer and his
obsequious followers so confidently predicted,
will result in a very heavy loss to Hongkong.
If such should prove to be the case, and we have
the best reasons for believing it, Mr. Mitchell-
Innes will be discreet to transfer his peculiar
abilities to another sphere—some "liberal"
undiscovered continent where he is a
well-known and successful unknown quantity.
The tax-paying community are already "full-up"
of this extraordinary travesty on an English
legislator.

The steamship *Edendale* was docked for clean-
ing and repairs at the Kowloon Dock to-day.
The *Præsto* is at the Cosmopolitan Dock.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D.
Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Arra-
don* (from Calcutta), left Singapore yester-
day for this port.

THE Post Office will be open to-morrow (New
Year's Day) from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 2 to
3 p.m. for the Shanghai mail. The night-box
will be kept open.

It is always a pleasure to chronicle an improve-
ment in journalistic prospects. The *Peking
Gazette* is to be considerably enlarged from
to-morrow, and we wish it every success.

Rev. Mr. Swatow—We're \$100 in debt.
Mrs. S.—Can't you raise a subscription for
a new chapel?

Rev. S.—No, I've worked that before.
Mrs. S.—Dear! I suppose we must
wait till we have another baby!

We have been asked to state that the head-
quarters of the British Mercantile Marine
Officers' Association have today been shifted
from College Chambers to 18, Poy's Central; a
very suitable place for a *republican* lounge for sea-
faring men—"Tosh!" very "common sailors!"

ONE way of putting it—The wayward young
man, broken in health, had gone to the far
south-west to recuperate. He was in jail at
Tombstone, Ariz., for stealing a hindquarter of
beef. In the loneliness of his cell, he sat down
and wrote as follows: "Dear Father—I have
picked up some flesh since I came out here, but
I am still confined to my room. Please send
me \$100, etc., etc."

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.	Outward.
Ajao.....Steamer, from Shanghai.	Doria Foster.....Steamer, for Kutchinotzu.
Alanya....." " Singapore.	Nampong....." " Amoy.
Alanya....." " Singapore.	Galle....." " Yokohama, &c.
Canton....." " London.	Fookshang....." " Swatow.
Aggregating 7,536 tons, register.	Lydia....." " Hamburg.
	Argway....." " Singapore.
	Dona Barleta....." " Spolito Island.
	Aggregating 10,047 tons, register.

The weather in the China Sea has been par-
ticularly bad during the last ten days. All vessels
arriving from the South have made long and
rough passages. The *Tongkong* had to put
into Saigon through stress of weather, the
Bernida broke down, the *Somdech Pira*
Yang and the *Hangchow* are overdue from
Java. The *Beruvine* arrived yesterday, and
Capt. Thompson reports the roughest weather.
He has ever known. Almost all the way from
Singapore he had a terrible time of it,
and was very glad to dump the mudhook
on our beautiful harbour. His log record is as
follows:—Dec. 21, Lat. 4.25 N. Long. 105.2 E. moderate
breeze from N.E. and showery with heavy
swell, sea 25, wind 11 N. Long. 107.50 E.
moderate gale and rain, sea 24, 25 and 26.
Lat. 0.54 N. Long. 110.35 E. fierce gale and
very high confused sea with heavy squalls. 27,
fresh monsoon and sea going down a little with
heavy showers of rain. Lat. 15.6 N. Long.
110.35 E. "28, moderate breeze and overcast.
Wind throughout from N. by E. to N.E. by N.

"AN OLD SPORTSMAN" is not dead, although
many thanksgivings and burnt-offerings would
be induced in by the shoddy sporting element
of the Jockey Club—Heracles John, where are
you now?—he has been actually defeated.
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With reference to the *Telegraph* telegram in
another part of this issue re Russia and Corea,
and the situation, writes as follows:—"It is reasonable
to aver that Neutrality is the antidote for Corea's
ills. I submit it merely, and it is open to
criticism, that were China and the other in-
terested Powers to take steps for the establish-
ment and maintenance of strict neutrality in
this peninsula, peace and prosperity would
soon prevail over the chaos and corruption now
reigning in the capital. It may be that strict
neutrality does not, in the opinion of Chinese
statesmen, dovetail with the exigencies of the
situation, but that none of them will take
serious exception to the expression of my opinions
—opinions not glossed by a cursory glance at
the situation, but evolved from six years study of
the Far Eastern Question, while resident in
Corea, together with four years previous personal
observations while in other parts of the Orient.
The policy followed in Switzerland may, and
probably would, suffice for Corea—a country in
many ways similarly situated. It is not by
heating upon any one State that Switzerland
is Switzerland to-day. Yet Switzerland and
flourishes, peace prevails there, and she is
highly respected by all her great and wealthy
neighbours."

THE OLD YEAR.

"Gazing, as the leaflets slide—
"Dying as the daylight dies."

The "improved maxim" of the United States
contains a proverb that runs—Always get quit of
the old crowd before you catch on to the new.
This applies with equal fitness to years, girls,
and other things. And in putting away any-
thing (years, girls, or other things) it is always
essential to make sure that they are all right,
not troubled lying dormant, no joy missed, nothing
looked for. So let us take Old Ninety-One
and examine him carefully on this, the last occa-
sion he will give us to see him face to face. Let
us make a thorough study of him, all his features,
good and bad, all his superficialities as well as
his deeper character; and then let us put him out
of his misery, down him in the flowing bowl,
and christen the infant Ninety-Two.

The Colony as a whole has had a busy
time. Politically the Governor, Sir W. de
Vancey, returned from leave in May, and
had to go away again in June, completely
broken in health. During his brief stay, he
managed to exhibit himself lamentably with

the Council and the people, and brought the
general feeling in regard to legislation to a very
highly strained, nervous pitch. His successor,
Major General Digby Barker, conducted the
affairs of the colony with a simple ability
and energy that did incalculable good, though
again conflicts were frequent. In December
Sir William Robinson arrived, and although
of course he has as yet done nothing, the
general opinion is strongly in his favour.
So much for Governors. The leading feature of
permanent interest in the Legislature has been the
development of an honest, fearless, and indefatigable
champion of the people, albeit slightly
deficient in that gloss of delicate tact that so
conceals the Modern Man—we refer to Mr. T. H.
Whitehead. Of the rest of the lay figures which
"rule" the land, little need be said. The Un-
officials cannot do much, and the Officials have
this year been as usual—"Acting" by name,
but by nature sob, nervous, timid. There is
much goodwill to all men. Next, into the Colony
of the whole of China, was
thrown into a tremendous flutter by disturbances
of revolutionary, religious, and anti-foreign
appearance, resulting in several outbreaks in
August and September; but the firestorm, and the
smoke is disappearing now. Nothing else very
great has happened; the moral of this trouble is
only the old tale, so often told of China. In com-
mercial matters, the year has been great—
calamitous. Russell & Co., Adamson, Bell & Co.,
Woodin, Pittman, and Cochrane, of lesser lights,
lost us only at the close of the year. The
Commercia and Calcutta have been too
closely connected. Pleasantly, it is to dwell
on the brighter memories of the year. The
Hongkong Jubilee, the visit of the *Caracul* in
May, the troops of amusement that have come
and gone, Miln, Lincoln, Willard, Brown, Pitter,
libel actions, Friedenthal, finishing with the
Pantomime, which sees the New Year in-
oh, what a gay and festive place in our old
Happy Valley!

And now in six hours, we will be with it.
We have been sobered by disaster, startled and
cautioned for future work, taught by some of
the bitterest lessons of life—bitterest in Hong-
kong's own life, bitterest in the life of each
rugged veteran and each tender girl among us.
But the dying year has not been altogether
harsh. Some of its moments have been
sweet beyond poor words, some of its memories
are joyous and bright and happy, well fitted
for the night of Hogmanay. May we all
have little need for further trials; may we,
after passing through the golden night, remain
for the rest of our lives pure and true; and
may we often see again those little glimpses of
heaven that have come to us in 1891.

THE CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

(By an Outsider.)

The mist rolls from the mountain
The junks drift down a-lee,
The flickers round the Fountain
Bring "fairs" afloat to see
The present pantomime!

Every face is wreathed in smiles,
Pleasure thrills them all;
None are troubled with the wiles
That cynical minds contrive
To damn the pantomime!

Thoughts somewhat akin in nature to the
above (which is copy-right), passed through our
mental machine while mending on our lonely
way to that haven of rest that has been our
only refuge for the past ten days, the veritable
of—(but dare we give it away—would not
the remorseless "Bobby" pour upon us in the
stilly hours of this same night the rays of his
searching light and claim us for his own? for
sub rosa we are but a vagrant!)—But to continue.
Watching that crowd last night stirred those
feelings within that not even the basest savage
is devoid of—the reluctance to admit that one is
really *stupid* in this world of seeming millions,
so turning over our sole remaining Mexican
in one hand and scratching our head with
the other, we, like "Hamlet," meditated as
to the to-be or not-to-be-ness of the action.
The fish was strong as we thought of the
morrow, but the spirit soaring above such
common things as hash-houses, gained the day,
and to the pantomime we went. A seat was
shown us—far back in the dim light of that *blow*
abode—luckily surrounded, being a stranger,
by a flock of our surroundings, without let
of hindrance. Soldiers sat on either side of us
and although they were jolly sociable fellows, it
is with infinite regret that we cannot say more
for them than that they were little better than
policemen. Not that the "Peelers" aren't "sane"
and "git," and all that's good, but the cloth
brings up recollections of a dead past that we
fain would forget. One soldier was called
"Jack" and the other "Jim," and the terms of
endearment which they exchanged (to say nothing
of a big-bellied bottle) would have made a
cockatoo's crest stand on end, but there was
such a heartiness about their mode of expression
that it disarmed and disconcerted the ordinary
conventionalities of life.

We take it for granted that last night's
audience can be voted a representative one as
regards numbers, but oh ye gods, can it be the
same, so far as that quality which is known as
mental calibre is concerned? We hope not. Yet
there were many interesting specimens of the
genus homo in evidence that would have delig-
ed our dear dead Darwin. How he would have
wondered in the midst of the mad and noisy
openly displayed to the meagre observer, and
gloried in the truths and proofs of his great
doctrine!

Say, this isn't the promised midnight
on "Beauty and the Beast" upon which
two full shekels of silver were advanced
to us to-day. Six slips duly committed to the
W. P. B.—Ed.] The orchestra had evidently
been specially engaged by the local dealers in
irony, for as surely as the sun now shines, many
a highly prized molar was extracted from a
bed and quietly passed to the pocket of the
unfortunate owner to be eventually set up before
succeeding generations as a warning against
pantomime music—when badly played. The
leader was all there, and undoubtedly below
him sat some individual accomplished musician,
but taken as a whole—[phrase eliminated.—Ed.]
The curtain, upon being electrified, ran up and
exposed a pandemonium, at least so it was
called; but to our well-seasoned eyes after having
lived on "The Land we Live In" for a month,
it seemed but the kaleidoscope of the meridian of life.
[Can do it—Ed.] My soldiers conversing made no
scruple at saying that "this ain't nothin'
to last year's"—but if this be true all we
can say is: that last year's pantomime
must have been an Eastern reflection of
Drury Lane. And by the by, to finish
with my chums of last night let me chronicle
an observation that was dropped. One asked
the other who it was that "bossed" the show,
and the answer was "The Devil." Clayton and
Remondin, of course. So, and low came the
response: "And two d—d good fellows too!"
[The Editor is sorry that he cannot publish the
remainder of this letter, which is a record of a
most interesting evening, and we should have to
omit some very good things.]

leave him there and get on with the case. At
present on the programme. The writer's letter
to the Editor that *Edendale* was docked for clean-
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LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 166 per cent. prem., buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £2.10 paid up—80 per cent. dis., sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$225 per share, sellers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$133 per share, sellers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$100 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—12 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—C—3 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$61 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tis. 257 1/2 per share, sales and buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$107 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$107, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$323 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$90 per share, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$35 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—45 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sales and buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$86 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$50 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$8 per share, sales and buyers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—nominal.

The Shamrock Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.

Punjab and Sindh Dus Samanian Mining Co.—\$2 per share, buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—50 cents per share, buyers.

Imuri Mining Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.

Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—\$375 per share, sellers.

The Jelaba Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$48 per share, buyers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—40 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$10, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$177 per share, sellers.

London Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$52 per share, buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$19 per share, buyers.

Cruckshank & Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$73 per share, sales and sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$23 per share, buyers.

The Labak Planting Co., Limited—nominal.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—nominal.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$40 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$63 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$114 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$14 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$44 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, sales and sellers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 10/11

Bank Bills, on demand 10/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 10/11

Credit at 4 months sight 10/11

Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 10/11

On PARIS—Bank, T. T. 10/11

Bank Bills, on demand 10/11

Credit at 4 months sight 10/11

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On SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 10/11

Private, 30 days sight 10/11

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malwa*, with mail, etc., from San Francisco to the 20th instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 31st proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mail, etc., from San Francisco to the 20th instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 31st proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *India*, with mail, etc., from San Francisco to the 20th instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 31st proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Yokohama*, with mail, etc., from San Francisco to the 20th instant at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 31st proximo.

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Shipping.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malwa*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on the 22nd instant, and is expected here on the 31st.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The N. G. Indian steamer *Bornida* left Singapore on the 20th instant, disabled at Saigon.

The 'Shire' line steamer *Cardiganhire* left Singapore on the 27th instant, and is due here on the 31st proximo.

The 'Shire' line steamer *Torington* left Saigon on the 30th instant, and is due here on or about the 4th proximo.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenavon*, from London, left Singapore on the 30th instant, and is due here on the 31st proximo.

ARRIVALS.

AXIS, British steamer, 1,410, E. S. Rawlings, 30th Dec.—Shanghai 23rd Dec, General.

MOVING, British steamer, 1,787, C. Kemp, 31st Dec.—Singapore, and Saigon 27th Dec, General.

TAILEY, German steamer, 2,281, J. Calender, 31st Dec.—Singapore 22nd Dec, General.

CANTON, British steamer, 3,471, C. E. Baker, 31st Dec.—London 7th Nov, and Saigon 24th Dec, General.

NAMKAM, British steamer, 804, J. Blackburne, 31st Dec.—Singapore 22nd Dec, General.

SYDNEY, French steamer, 2,113, Delacroix, 31st Dec.—Marseilles 1st Nov, and Saigon 24th Dec, and Saigon 28th, Mails and General.

DEPARTURES.

Amoy, German steamer, for Shanghai.

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MONGKONG-STEAMERS.

Continued.

ALWING, German steamer, 400, C. Peigren, 30th Dec.—Peking 27th Dec, and Hallow, 29th, General.—Wider & Co.

AMOR, German steamer, 514, Th. Lehmann, 30th Dec.—Canton 30th December, General.—Slomson & Co.

CROWA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 30th Dec.—Bangkok 18th Dec, and Hallow, 20th, Timber and Rice.—Yuen Fat Hong.

CHRYSLER, German steamer, 621, W. Wendi, 16th Dec.—Hallow 15th Dec, Ballast.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,050, A. George, 23rd Dec.—Sourabaya 15th Dec, Sugar.—Bridgford & Swire.

DECHIA, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, 1st Dec.—Samarang 26th Nov, Sugar.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

DIAMANT, British steamer, 514, J. C. Gerard, 29th Dec.—Manila 15th Dec, General.—Shaw & Co.

DOMAR, German steamer, 1,018, B. Grundmann, 29th Dec.—Sourabaya 18th Dec, Sugar.—Wider & Co.

DORIS, German steamer, 771, T. Ruben, 22nd Dec.—Kobe 15th December, General.—Wider & Co.

EDENHALL, British steamer, 1,567, R. Humphrey, 23rd Dec.—Mojl 17th Dec, Coals.—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,003, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 10th Dec.—Vancouver 19th Nov, Yokohama 3rd Dec, and Shanghai 8th, General.—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain Melissari, —Hongkong Government tender.

MATAM, British steamer, 1,153, S. Ashton, 30th Dec.—Fochow 26th Dec, Amoy 28th, and Swatow 29th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

HAUMAN, German steamer, 648, J. Samuelsen, 30th Dec.—Haliphong 27th Dec, and Hallow 29th, General.—Melchers & Co.

NANCHANG, British steamer, 1,052, R. Morgan, 29th Dec.—Canton 29th Dec, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

PEKING, German steamer, 554, F. Schultz, 23rd Dec.—Canton 23rd December, General.—Slomson & Co.

PILOT FINE, British steamer, 161, A. Stopal, —Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

PREFRO, German steamer, 655, J. Jensen, 30th Dec.—Haliphong 27th Dec, General.—Slomson & Co.

RIO, German steamer, 1,278, F. P. Uldrup, 20th Dec.—Mojl 25th December, Coals.—Wider & Co.

SHENARD, British steamer, 876, C. O. Madge, 16th Dec.—China Sea 14th Dec, Submarine Cable.—E. A. and C. T. Co.

TAICHONG, German steamer, 838, P. Dahme, 23rd Dec.—Singapore 15th Dec, Hardwood.—Meyer & Co.

TEYAROS, German steamer, 1,779, W. Breitung, 22nd Dec.—Sourabaya 15th Dec, Sugar.—Slomson & Co.